

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-25-12

Issued at Ketchikan, Tuesday, August
28, 2012

Effective 12:01 a.m. Wednesday,
Date: August 29, 2012

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Monday,
December 31, 2012, unless superseded by
subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Ketchikan Creek to sport fishing from August 29 through December 31, 2012. It allows a bag and possession limit of four king salmon of any size. The bag and possession limit for all other salmon 16 inches or greater in length is two per day in combination, and two in possession. Only single hook, unbaited, artificial lures may be used.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(i)(6)(B) are superseded and (E) is added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective from 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 2012 through 11:59 p.m. Monday, December 31, 2012:

5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area.

(i) In the Ketchikan vicinity:

(6) in Ketchikan Creek

(B) sport fishing is allowed from August 29 through December 31, 2012.

(E) the bag and possession limit for king salmon is four fish, no size limit,

Cora Campbell
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Kelly Piazza
Ketchikan Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The Alaska Board of Fisheries granted the department emergency order authority to increase sport fish bag and possession limits when hatchery produced fish escape through existing fisheries to designated harvest areas in numbers that exceed brood stock needs or any natural spawning requirements. The hatchery has completed their king salmon egg take. The coho salmon egg take goal is expected to be met with 200 coho salmon currently in the hatchery raceway. To date 1,500 coho salmon have been harvested for cost recovery. The king and coho salmon present in Ketchikan Creek as of August 24 are in excess of broodstock and escapement requirements.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99811, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 215, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.